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## Kaine Wins

### Dems, GOP Split Statewide Elections

By CARA SCHULZ  
Staff Writer

For many Mary Washington students, this semester has been filled with canvassing, phone banking and campaigning for the Virginia gubernatorial race. With Gov. Mark Warner's term ending, Tim Kaine (D), Jerry Kilgore (R) and Russ Potts (I) all competed for the office. Tim Kaine ultimately came out ahead with 51 percent of the vote. Kilgore trailed him with 46 percent of the vote and Potts was far behind with 2 percent.

The margin between the two leading candidates, Kaine and Kilgore, ended up not being as close as some had predicted.

"I think it will be a photo-finish election," said professor of political science Stephen J. Farnsworth prior to the election.

According to Farnsworth, the election was filled with

pros and cons for each candidate. Kaine was riding on the tail end of the Warner administration, which had an 80 percent approval rating. Additionally, the Republicans continued to face a series of national problems that left Kilgore facing a strong headwind. On the other hand, Virginia votes consistently more Republican than Democrat and Republicans tend to have better voter turnout.

"Potts could get enough votes to push the election to Kaine," Farnsworth said before the election.

Both the College Republicans and the Young Democrats were attempting to push the election in their respective candidate's favor.

"We've been doing stuff since last spring," said College Republican chair Andrew

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**Top: Junior Alison Baker, manages the Kaine "Get Out The Vote" efforts at the UAW hall on U.S. 17. Above: Members of the College Republicans make phone calls Tuesday to get out the vote. Left: Melissa Nannarane, a sophomore from Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma assists the conservative efforts.**

## Student Guilty In Bat Case

By KATY BURNELL  
Staff Writer

A former University of Mary Washington student pleaded guilty recently in Fredericksburg Circuit Court to malicious wounding of a fellow student last December in an attack that left the victim unable to return to school for the spring semester.

During his latest court appearance Joseph Fischer admitted to striking Benjamin James repeatedly over the head with a baseball bat at an off-campus party. James sustained a severe concussion and needed nearly 30 stitches for the head wounds he received from the injury.

Fischer's attorney, Beverley Haney, believes her client will probably serve time in jail for the attack. She does not expect Fischer to receive the maximum penalty at his sentencing on Jan. 17.

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## Campus Rx Deal Expired

By ANDREA CHRISTIE  
Staff Writer

For the first time in over 30 years, students at the University of Mary Washington will have to go elsewhere to get prescriptions filled, a service that 90 to 95 percent of patients at the Student Health Center used, according to Dr. Ilma Overman, University physician and director of the Student Health Center.

Since the pharmacy did not want to renew, he contract came to an end July 31. Due to the lack of interest from other local pharmacies, Mary Washington chose to do without the service for this coming school year, with hopes to bring it back in the fall of 2006.

"We feel bad because we know it's an inconvenience for students," Overman said. "[Students] aren't feeling well and then have to walk or drive somewhere else, whereas we used to be able to hand them a prescription while they were at the Health Center."

According to Overman, the pharmacy packaged and delivered medications to the

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## You've Got Mail Charges

By ELLEN FERRANTE  
Staff Writer

Checking your mailbox?

Make sure you know your combination, because on Nov. 1, the post office began charging a \$5 fee to students who had to ask for their box combinations.

"[The new policy] is very simple—if you have trouble remembering your combination, then bring the previously provided written information with you when retrieving your incoming mail," said Copy and Mail Services Manager

Lisa Mitchell. "Our intent is not to have to collect the fee from anyone."

Mitchell explained why the post office decided to create such a policy that would charge the students.

The main goal was to keep the lines shorter for students waiting at the counter for other mail services.

Long lines have been a bigger issue this year in part due to the combinations being switched over the summer. The mailbox combinations in the campus post office are changed every two years for security purposes.

The combinations were distributed at the end of August, but the post office still dealt with many students who did not remember their combinations.

Students have had several reactions to this new policy.

Freshman Bethany Bodengraven questioned the logistics behind the policy itself.

"Where is that money going to?" she

said. "There are much more important things to worry about."

Although several students agreed that it is everyone's responsibility to learn their combination numbers, some say \$5 is too high.

"Maybe \$5 is too steep, but as a responsibility, I don't think it's too much to ask," said freshman Laura Veckerelli.

Freshman Krista Buchanan said, "We're college students, we should remember a three-digit number," but she also commented about the cost. "\$5 is too extreme because we're college students."

Freshman Sabah Bhatnagar observed that, particularly in the beginning of year, it is easy to lose track of a mailbox combination and said "...We were given a lot of papers the first week of school...we shouldn't have to pay \$5."

The policy will be in place until May 5, 2006, but there will be a grace period

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Alexandra Borys/Bullet

**White Ribbons Decorate Ball Circle**  
White ribbons in Ball Circle, signifying a commitment against domestic violence.

## 5 Day Forecast



**TODAY**  
Showers

High: 60  
Low: 31



**FRIDAY**  
Sunny

High: 59  
Low: 32



**SATURDAY**  
Sunny

High: 66  
Low: 41



**SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 73  
Low: 49



**MONDAY**  
T-Storms

High: 69  
Low: 49

## Verbatim...

"I miss watching Peter Jennings. Now I settle for Jon Stewart."

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## Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT  
News Editor



Nov. 1—At 10:59 p.m., residence life staff reported to police that someone stole a fire extinguisher, valued at \$100, from Jefferson Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 1—At 6:16 p.m., residence life staff reported to police that there was smoke in the third-floor west hallway of Jefferson Hall. The Fredericksburg Rescue Squad determined the smoke was coming from a faulty microwave. The microwave was removed by facilities services.

Nov. 3—At 6:35 p.m., a 20-year-old female resident of Bushnell Hall reported to police that someone stole her credit card from her room on Oct. 27. Police discovered that someone made several transactions on the card since the time of theft. The investigation is continuing.

Nov. 4—It was reported to police that, between Nov. 3 and Nov. 4, someone attempted to break into two computer labs in the basement of Monroe Hall. According to police, the suspects attempted to gain access to the labs through the outside window, but were unsuccessful. Damages to the window are estimated at \$550. Evidence was obtained from the scene. There are no suspects

or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 4—It was reported to police that, between 5 p.m. Nov. 4 and 11 a.m. Nov. 5, someone stole two rocking chairs, valued at \$280, from the back porch of the Alumni Executive Center. Police did not collect any evidence. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 5—At 2:50 a.m., residence life staff reported to police that an 18-year-old male resident of Russell Hall was intoxicated in his room. Fredericksburg Rescue Squad transported the student to Mary Washington Hospital. The student was referred to administration.

Nov. 6—At 2:29 a.m., residence life staff reported to police that they found a "UMW No Parking At Any Time" sign, with the post attached, in the lobby of Mason Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 8—At 12:40 a.m., several students reported to police that an unknown male was sitting in the south study room of Trinkle Hall. Police issued John Curtis Wasley, 33-year-old resident of Fairfax, a trespass warning.



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KATIE TELLER



Ask  
The  
Newsies

**W**hat's the deal with the negative and at times offensive posters in the computer labs of Trinkle Hall?

For those who aren't familiar, there are 12 posters in the basement computer labs of Trinkle Hall that have dreary scenery and captions, like "Despair: It's always darkest before it goes pitch black."

Doesn't life seem that way when you're in Trinkle, working on page one of a 10-pager that's due in a few hours?

Actually, the posters were put up last year by University of Mary Washington's branch of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

We talked to this year's ACM's treasurer, Jeff Longo, and he had a succinct response: "Cause they're funny."

We think so too.

The demotivational posters come from a Web site called despair.com (no kidding). It's worth taking a look at.

The posters are a take on motivational posters that say mushy things like, "There is no 'I' in 'team'" or "Shoot for the moon.

Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

One of our favorites of the negative spinoff posters shows a chain with a broken link. The caption says, "Dysfunction: The only consistent feature of our dissatisfying relationships is you."

The posters are pretty negative—just like the dreary basement of Trinkle—but they're also pretty funny.

That makes them perfect for both the Debbie Downers of the world, and for those who always see the glass as being half-full.

If they offend you, well, they're jokes that are meant to be funny. We recommend lightening up a little. That's our perspective, but we're free-speech advocates.

And the some of the posters do contain gems of truth.

And they join the ranks of posters on Mary Washington's campus that bring smiles to our faces. They're almost as good as "That's How We Are."

Bottom Line: Who needs a pick-me-up poster when you can have a throw-me-down one instead?

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bulletin's news editors

## Seminar Offered

By ELIZABETH KREITSCH  
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, all freshmen at the University of Mary Washington will have the opportunity to enroll in a freshman seminar course starting in the fall of 2006. These three-credit seminars are designed to provide freshmen with the opportunity to be part of a learning experience that is different from their typical introductory level lecture-based courses.

Rosemary Barra, dean of faculty and biology professor at UMW, came up with the idea of offering a freshman seminar course at UMW. She thinks giving freshmen the opportunity to take seminar courses as freshmen will enhance their educational experiences.

"The seminar class would be small, and this would provide an opportunity for students to get to know each other and the instructor and to engage in critical discussion of a particular topic," Barra said.

According to Keith Mellinger, mathematics professor and freshman seminar committee member, each seminar will be based on a set of common principles. The seminars are designed to give freshmen an introduction into the pursuit of intellectual inquiry and to learn through exploration rather than simply being presented with established conclusions.

To enhance the exploratory nature of the seminars, students will do most of their reading from primary texts rather than from the textbooks used in most introductory courses.

Every seminar will have a reading, speaking, writing, and participation component. These

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## Combinations Cost Students



Alexandra Borys/Bulletin

Amie Bruce, sophomore, checks her mail. The mailroom has instated charges for combination lookup.

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from Jan. 12 to 19, 2006, where students can receive their combination without paying the \$5 fee.

"The reason we're charging is not because we're punishing people...but to get them to make an effort to remember their combination so the post office can provide other services," said Elise Memita, a staff member at the UMW post office.

Since the policy has been in place, the results have been somewhat noticeable. The lines, for instance have been shorter.

"We've had a lot less people ask for combinations since [Nov. 1]," said Cassandra Chinault, who is part of the post office staff.

While the post office has received positive responses for keeping the lines shorter, there have also been negative responses to the new policy of charging students.

"We did receive a few e-mails from unhappy students accusing the policy of being in violation of federal law; however, this is not true," Mitchell said. "Once USPS has made delivery to UMW Mail Services, all federal obligations have been met."

## Prescriptions Not Available On Campus

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University to be dispensed by the health center as prescribed to students. This included prescriptions prescribed by other physicians as well as the University's physicians.

The most common medications were kept on hand and ready for students at the time prescribed, whereas those less commonly prescribed were ready for pick-up by the end of the day. All prescriptions were charged to students.

Students can now only receive over-the-counter medications available for free in the self-care part of the Health Center. Such medications are for more short term illnesses such as sore throat, upset stomach and headache. The medications are bought by the University from a wholesaler, as opposed to the pharmacy under a separate contract.

Senior Amy Jessee learned first hand this year of the change.

"I had a cold and went to the Health Center on a Friday hoping to have something for the weekend," Jessee said. "Usually after they examine me they would have a prescription for me right then, but they just handed me a piece of paper with the prescription written on it."

The physician told her she would have to go somewhere else to get it filled.

"I just took it to CVS because it was closest,"

Jessee said. "And I use them at home so they already had all my information. While I was there, three other students were in line."

CVS was unable to comment for the article, but the pharmacist in Giant off of Jefferson Davis Highway noticed the increase in students.

"We used to have one [student] occasionally come in to get prescriptions filled; now we have several, about three or four a day," said Giant Pharmacy Manager Kendra Zielenski. "I was wondering why we were having more students than usual."

The University's most recent pharmacy contract from Aug. 1, 2004 to July 31, 2005 was with Ladysmith Pharmacy of Ladysmith and cost the school a total of \$30,948.51, according to Ellie Drew, assistant director of purchasing. Mary Washington originally held the contract with Family Pharmacy of Fredericksburg. Last year, however, CVS bought out the company. CVS then chose not to continue business with the University, according to Walden Abernathy, pharmacy manager of Ladysmith Pharmacy.

Ladysmith Pharmacy then decided to carry out the remainder of the contract since the owner of Family Pharmacy was also part owner of Ladysmith Pharmacy.

"Essentially the contract with Family was transferred to Ladysmith since we did not have time to re-bid the contract before school started that year [Fall 2004]," Overman said.

Every year, the pharmacy under contract has the option of renewing with the University. According to Drew, the pharmacy must give the University at least a 60 to 90 day notice before the contract expires if they do not wish to renew.

"Ladysmith was late getting back to us this year," Drew said. "They then told us they did not wish to renew. Because of the price of gas and logistics of it all, it just wasn't cost effective for them to continue."

According to Abernathy, to his knowledge both the pharmacy and the University were satisfied, happy and lived up to their part of the contract.

"The primary reason [for not renewing the contract] was the distance," he said. "We're about 25 miles away and couldn't give service to the school as it should be given."

After the news that Ladysmith would not continue business with Mary Washington, Drew looked into other pharmacies that may be interested.

"There just aren't any more of those mom-and-pop pharmacies," Drew said. "You can see it in the phonebook, there just are not any locally owned pharmacies willing to do business with a school."

Lynchburg College's Student Health Center also looked for a local family pharmacy to do business with and found Robertson Drug Co.,

Inc. Lynchburg's system is also very similar to that formerly used by UMW whereby prescriptions are delivered by the pharmacy and then ready for student pick up. Students are charged by the pharmacy.

Longwood University, however, has a system similar to Mary Washington's current situation, in which physicians can prescribe, but cannot fill prescriptions for students.

"We don't have [a pharmacy contract]," said Peg Giordano, medical receptionist at the

Longwood Student Health Center. "Students have to go to the local pharmacies to get prescriptions filled."

Other possibilities considered by schools, including Mary Washington, are wholesale companies, who deliver all prescriptions to the school by mail.

"Wholesale companies are an option, many colleges use them," Overman said. "But we wouldn't be able to get

prescriptions, especially call-in orders for less popular prescriptions, for two to three days and would have to order in bulk. We just don't have the space here for that."

Overman continued with hopes for the future. "We thought we could make do without the service this year," she said. "It's a good service though and we hope to re-implement it as soon as possible."

“There just are not any locally owned pharmacies willing to do business with a school.”

—Ellie Drew

# Viewpoints

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## Editorial What's The Big Rush?

There seems to be a rather common falsehood circling around the campus.

There are students who truly believe that if they do not find a significant other in college, they will be alone forever. Apparently this is the only chance we all have to find love-here in college. Not only do people believe this myth, but they try to make others believe it as well.

The whole notion of finding "the one" in college is a bit outdated. While some couples do stay together after graduation and eventually get married, it is highly ignorant to suggest that college is the only place where relationships form.

Do people really think that if someone is single on graduation day, they just shrivel up and die? Give us a break.

Newsflash, folks: marriages where both partners are under the age of 25 have a higher divorce rate. Keep that in mind the next time you take a cheap shot at a single friend for failing to couple.

In addition, the average undergraduate student is aged anywhere from 17 to 22. A lot of emotional growth takes place over these years, and though you wouldn't know it, more emotional growth takes place after college as well.

As people grow older and inevitably change, their relationships with others change as well. After college, people have the chance to go out into the world, travel, find jobs and continue their educations. All these life experiences expose an individual to more people—which translates into more potential mates.

It is rather sad that there are people who are so narrow-minded that they don't consider life after college and the social opportunities it provides.

It is sad that there are students here who are so desperate for love and attention that they are only focused on finding a significant other. And sometimes, unfortunately, anyone will do. As graduation nears, personal standards for finding a "life mate" (or even a date) can be lowered.

College provides so many opportunities to meet lifelong friends and acquaintances, and students are foolishly passing up the chance to meet some really great people if they only want to spend time with one person.

What is this big rush to get married? In today's day and age, people are starting families at age 40 and living another 60 years. What if you don't find the love of your life until you are 36? Will you feel like a failure for the next 16 years? We sure hope not, because you have a lot of living to do between now and then.

It may be better to stay alone for a while instead of being in a relationship in which you are bound by some unrealistic and unattainable ideals.

It's a bit too suffocating to put an expiration date on being single.

## Letter Questioning Minority Recruitment Short On Facts

By GABRIEL WALTERS  
Guest Columnist

Freshman Wesley Palmer ("Is Diversity More Important Than Scholarship?" Nov. 3, 2005) demonstrates his lack of knowledge of the University's minority enrollment problem.

The University of Mary Washington student body is at least 83 percent white (this and the following data are from students who chose to identify themselves racially or ethnically, and only pertain to BA and BS students enrolled at Mary Washington College).

Out of 9.2 percent total minority enrollment, only 2.1 percent is black or African American, less than half of one percent is American Indian, 3.6 percent is Asian, 2.5 percent is Hispanic or Latino, and less than one percent is multiracial. 7.8 percent of students did not disclose their racial or ethnic identity, so the total minority enrollment could be higher, but is not necessarily higher.

What is almost certainly true is that white student enrollment is higher than 83 percent, as more white students refuse to identify themselves racially out of a perception of so-called "reverse discrimination."

Total minority enrollment at Mary Washington has not exceeded 12 percent for as long as data is available. This year's freshman class includes only 25 black students. Last

year's freshman class included 14, and the year before that, 12.

When you consider that 12 students is only three more than the Little Rock Nine, you might begin to understand that at Mary Washington, not only do we have a minority enrollment problem—we have a student integration problem. In other words, our student body remains fairly segregated.

Palmer writes that, "as a white student, I have worked very hard to get into this school." He has, of course, but not because he is white.

Every student applicant to Mary Washington is evaluated by the admissions committee according to several objective and subjective criteria.

These criteria include high school grade point average, course selection, SAT or ACT scores, class standing, writing samples, letters of recommendation, leadership experience, athletic ability, extracurricular activities, geographic

location, whether a student is the first in his or her family to attend college, whether a student's parents or other family members attended Mary Washington, and yes, racial or ethnic identity. Every applicant, regardless of race, receives the same amount of consideration.

The admissions committee does not admit students so that they can fail. Two of the most important standards for judging the quality of an academic institution are its retention and graduation rates. Mary Washington ranks extremely highly in both these categories—which it would not achieve if it admitted unqualified students.

Palmer writes, "My question is why it is so important that the school tries to find diversity in its recruitment process, rather than finding students with the highest possible scholastic achievement."

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## Student Body Does Not Reflect Virginia's Population

By ANDREW HALL  
Guest Columnist

This letter is in response to an editorial in last week's *Bullet* entitled "Is Diversity More Important Than Scholarship?"

I agree with the author that the search for minority students should not take focus away from academic excellence.

However, I think we can aggressively recruit minorities for the sake of diversity while maintaining or improving our academic standards. How do we achieve this? Aggressively recruit academically qualified minorities.

There are plenty of academically qualified minority students in Virginia and other states to make the University sufficiently diverse. However, these minority students are not coming here. If they need scholarships, we need to come up with the money.

How long can we go on saying we have money for bell towers and tennis centers and not money for diversity? I'm sure those same donors would be happy to provide for minority scholarships. But were those donors pointed in that direction?

The notion that if we have diversity we are compromising on academic quality is mistaken. It also reflects an intellectual association of minorities with the lack of academic quality, which is ignorant, arbitrary and mean-spirited. Is this part of our problem?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Virginia has about 7.5 million residents. African-Americans comprise 19.6 percent of Virginia's population. Asians constitute 3.7 percent. Hispanics constitute 4.7 percent. Foreign-born residents constitute 8.1 percent of Virginians.

In contrast, 12.1 percent of University of Mary Washington students are minorities, and 3.7 percent of students are black, according to the *Bullet* article "Freshman Class Has 25 Blacks."

The University, a public institution, does not even come close to reflecting Virginia's ethnic

makeup. The only thing "public" about this institution is the reduced tuition rates for in-state students. We have to be careful not to let public institutions like UMW serve only a portion of the population, even though the entire population has some financial obligation to the state government, even if it's just a license plate.

If UMW only serves the white middle class of Virginia, it uses government means to reinforce ethnic and class privileges. This is inconsistent with UMW's egalitarian mission and plays into Virginia's long and shameful history of legally enforcing racial and class privilege.

Not only does the University not reflect the demographics of Virginia, it does not reflect the demographics of its hometown, Fredericksburg. Over a fifth (20.4 percent) of City of Fredericksburg residents are African-Americans. Asians constitute 1.4 percent and Hispanics constitute 4.9 percent.

The lack of diversity isn't solely the administration's problem. I have found many students' attitudes to be counterproductive to improving diversity. The lack of student interest results in a lack of pressure on the administration to improve the situation.

As a native of Fredericksburg, I am frequently appalled at UMW students' ignorance of the fact that their school is demographically at odds with the very town their school calls home, indicating that many students have zero interest in the surrounding community even though they are as much a part of the community as any other resident because they, well, live here. All you have to do is venture outside the University neighborhood and you realize how weirdly homogeneous UMW is compared to this even this little town.

Diversity should thrive on a campus like this where it seems the majority of students pride themselves on being "liberal" and "open-minded." Being liberal is about more than slapping the "Kaine" bumper sticker on your car. It's about building bridges where there are no bridges, reconciling social conflicts, and paving the way for a future with less ethnic and class strife.

I have heard "liberal" students on this campus make ignorant, bigoted comments about people they might not have everything in common with. You don't have everything in common with anybody.

It's called life. Get used to it. Such comments are not only offensive and antisocial, they are downright hypocritical for students who claim to be proponents of social justice. Diversity is not a showpiece or a luxury. It is a necessity to combat the ignorance, bigotry, and hypocrisy that flourish in its absence.

I'm not sure there is any one person or department to blame here at UMW for the lack of minority enrollment. Regardless of what direction accusatory fingers will point, the University administration needs to take the lead and not wait until the situation gets worse. I don't have any specific solutions, but we can start by trying harder.

The status quo is producing an outcome that is improving the diversity situation incrementally but not fast enough. It's good this year's freshman class has more minorities but that's still not enough.

Many of our minority students still feel uncomfortable here. They need to feel more like "students" instead of "minority students."

Many white students such as myself come from ethnically diverse communities and feel frustrated with UMW's lack of resemblance to the real world. I miss having friends of a different race, national origin, culture, religion, etc.

Our generation is inheriting a competitive global economy where cultural ignorance is not only pathetic, but an economic liability. With its lack of diversity, UMW has failed us in providing that cultural education we will need in the global marketplace.

The lack of racial diversity here is embarrassing and needs to be remedied before the outside world labels UMW as a bastion of social backwardness.

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# Features

## UMW Teams Make Money At A Theme Park

By JESSICA SIMON  
Staff Writer

An entire day spent at Kings Dominion theme park certainly may strike many people as a fun and exciting way to spend a part of a weekend. But that is not the case for several UMW clubs and athletic teams.

Over the past few years UMW athletes have taken part in the Kings Dominion volunteer program in order to raise money for their individual sport.

This year the dance team, softball team, and men's basketball team took part in the program.

"KD sucks to work at, but I think it's a good way to raise money," said senior softball player Abbey Wineland.

According to the Kings Dominion volunteer information sheet, each group volunteer receives \$6 for each hour that a member volunteers. Also, when a group member completes an entire shift, the group receives a \$30 bonus for working Sundays through Fridays and a \$20 bonus for working on a Saturday.

Groups also receive additional bonuses of up to \$150 if they bring 100 percent of their confirmed volunteers.

"It is an excellent fundraiser and can really help teams if they need to earn a large sum of money in a relatively short time," said dance team treasurer Kathleen Colduvell.

Though the money that is earned at Kings Dominion seems to satisfy most of the athletes, many still are not thrilled about giving up a large part of their weekend to do such tedious work.

"Probably the worst thing about it is that it eats up so much of the weekend, which really sucks if you happen to have a lot due at the beginning of the next week," said sophomore softball player Melissa Bjorkland. "Of course, all the jobs we do there are somewhat less than stimulating, but I can put up with that once in a while. Working there has actually given me a new appreciation for why I'm going to college."

Both the men's basketball and the dance team plan on using the money they raise to go towards team expenditures this year.

According to men's basketball player AJ Fitzgerald, the basketball team used Kings Dominion as a way to raise money for their upcoming tournament in Las Vegas over winter break.

Dance team treasurer Kathleen Colduvell stated that the money that her team earned at Kings Dominion went towards new uniforms, competitions, and the National Dance Association dance camp over the summer.

"It is an excellent fundraiser and can really help teams if they need to earn a large sum of money in a relatively short time," Colduvell said.

Some members of the dance team decided to use the long hours spent working at the park to their own benefit.

"Last year we were working in food and two of our girls were washing the pots and cleaning in the kitchen," Colduvell said. "To keep themselves entertained they choreographed without music. We actually ended up using the steps they made up during one of our basketball halftime dances."

This year, money the softball team receives from working at Kings Dominion will go towards funding their spring break trip to Florida.

Volunteers are assigned to one of four areas: the pavilion (the outdoor catering area), food services, games or merchandise, according to the volunteer information sheet.

Brothers sophomore Gaelan Whitworth and freshman Kiernan Whitworth helped raise money for the UMW basketball team last month.



Courtesy www.kingsdominion.com



Courtesy www.kingsdominion.com

"I was stationed with my brother [Kiernan] at the milk jug throwing game," Gaelan Whitworth said. "The whole time we were just yelling at people to play our game over microphones."

Sophomore softball player Sarah Axelson said that her first experience working in food and beverage at Kings Dominion was anything but a good one.

"It's frustrating because people don't know we are volunteers. People that visit the park expect us to know the ins and the outs of the park," Axelson said.

She said while she was working at the register, people expected her to know where the restroom facilities and rollers coasters in the park were.

Overall, the teams seem to make the best of the situation for the good of their team.

"Shared suffering is often a bonding experience," Bjorkland said.

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Over the past few years UMW athletes have taken part in the Kings Dominion volunteer program in order to raise money for their individual sport.

This year the dance team, softball team, and men's basketball team took part in the program.

"KD sucks to work at, but I think it's a good way to raise money," said senior softball player Abbey Wineland.

According to the Kings Dominion volunteer information sheet, each group volunteer receives \$6 for each hour that a member volunteers. Also, when a group member completes an entire shift, the group receives a \$30 bonus for working Sundays through Fridays and a \$20 bonus for working on a Saturday.

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Though the money that is earned at Kings Dominion seems to satisfy most of the athletes, many still are not thrilled about giving up a large part of their weekend to do such tedious work.

"Probably the worst thing about it is that it eats up so much of the weekend, which really sucks if you happen to have a lot due at the beginning of the next week," said sophomore softball player Melissa Bjorkland. "Of course, all the jobs we do there are somewhat less than stimulating, but I can put up with that once in a while. Working there has actually given me a new appreciation for why I'm going to college."

Both the men's basketball and the dance team plan on using the money they raise to go towards team expenditures this year.

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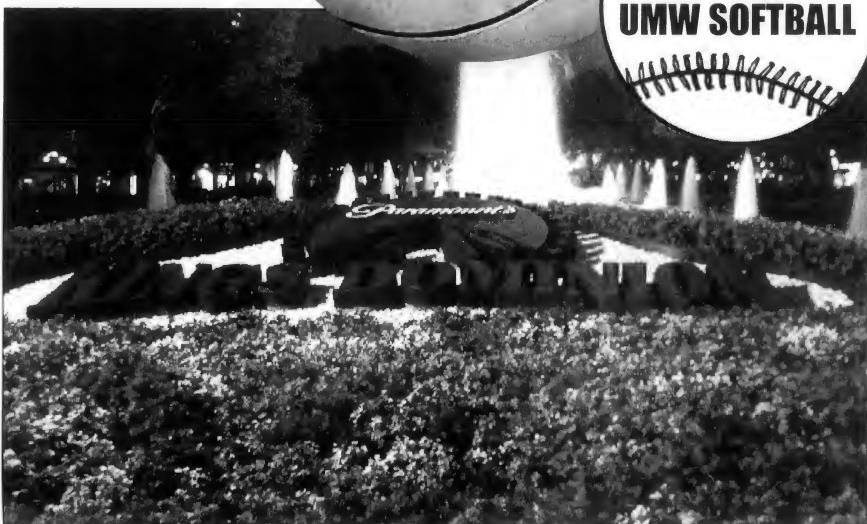
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Volunteers are assigned to one of four areas: the pavilion (the outdoor catering area), food services, games or merchandise, according to the volunteer information sheet.

Brothers sophomore Gaelan Whitworth and freshman Kiernan Whitworth helped raise money for the UMW basketball team last month.



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Sophomore softball player Sarah Axelson said that her first experience working in food and beverage at Kings Dominion was anything but a good one.

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# Scene



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## Phantom Planet Rocks Mary Washington's World

By ERICA JACKSON  
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From that moment, the charismatic southern California band had the University of Mary Washington under their spell. Between old favorites like the O.C. theme song "California," newer garage rock pieces like "Big Brat," and hilarious banter with the audience, the band gave an intimate yet raucous performance that will be remembered for some time.

Giant Production's senior co-chair Mandy Gabriel was partially responsible for booking the band.

"We thought that we haven't had a rock concert in a long time," she said, citing former acts Gavin DeGraw, Lonestar, and Rahzel. "[Phantom Planet is] fun and energetic, and pretty recognizable, so we thought they'd be a good choice."

The good choice was evident in the crowd's reaction, as the 400-plus fans danced, sang along, and ended the night moshing so vigorously that the floor of Great Hall literally shook.

Sophomore Austin Cobb expressed the sentiment of most of the crowd.

"I wasn't much into Phantom Planet when I came, but the music was good and you could dance to it," he said. "And the lead had the greatest show attitude ever."

Recent UMW graduate Kelly Minton drove over three hours for the concert.

"Alex Greenwald is energetic and funny and extremely desirable," Minton said, reflecting the opinion of many female members of the audience, who whistled and screamed at the band members throughout the night. One particularly outspoken audience member even offered to mother Greenwald's children.

"I'll see what I can do in the intermission... with a cup or something," the former Gap model replied. After a pause he said, "I don't usually make jokes like that. I'm a good boy."

His band mates scoffed in good-natured disagreement. Besides Greenwald, the band includes bass player Sam Farrar, guitarist Darren Robinson, and drummer Jeff Conrad.

In addition to Phantom Planet's intimate rapport with the audience, there was a playful, palpable chemistry within the band, particularly between Greenwald and Robinson. The two played off each other throughout the show, reflecting the band's closeness. Phantom Planet has been together since 1994, when, around a table at Pizza Hut, the then-teenagers made the fateful decision to form a band.

The band mainly played songs from their past two albums, 2002's "The Guest," and their more recent self-titled album, which came out in 2004. The band is currently working on a new album, due out next year on Epic Records. In a July Rolling Stone interview, Greenwald described the sound of the upcoming album.

"If the last record was zombie movies, this one is totally 'Lord of the Rings,'" Greenwald said. "There are lots of monsters and forked tongues."

"Badd Business," "Making a Killing" and "Happy Ending" were among some of the songs the band played from their most recent album. "Big Brat" was perhaps the most recognizable among these, made popular by the Spike Jonze-directed zombie-filled music video. The songs from this album have a grittier, more hard-rock sound and more experimentation than previous efforts.

To the delight of the audience, the band did not neglect their older, more pop-friendly songs, such as "Always On My Mind," "Lonely Day" and "Anthem." Although they have undoubtedly played the songs countless times, the band played as if it was their very first time. They smiled out into the audience, leaving no doubt of their love of the music.

After an enthusiastic encore, Greenwald ascended the stage alone and performed an acoustic version of the ballad hit "Anthem," and then the rest of the band returned to the stage. The crowd erupted at the sound of the recognizable first notes of arguably their most popular song, "California." Bathed in golden lights, the band performed a longer, more hard-rock version of the song. Greenwald convinced most of the crowd to take part in a clapping and stomping routine, to which he commented, "You're all officially Jazzerciseing!"



Dan Coo/Bullet

Although "California" could have easily been an impressive finale for the show, Phantom Planet defied the crowd's expectations and went on to perform a thunderous version of "Phantom of the Opera." The energy level in the hall rose to an impressive level as the band jumped around the stage, Greenwald leapt into the crowd, and the entire audience danced until the floor shook.

"I was really surprised at how into it everyone was getting," Gabriel said. "It was really awesome."

After the show Gabriel and other Giant members got to spend some time with the band.

"They came out and talked to us, and thanked us," Gabriel said. "When you do all that work you really appreciate when people take the time to come out and say thank you. They were really kind and easy to work with."

Giant shelled out \$17,500 to bring Phantom Planet to UMW, and Gabriel considers the money well spent.

"People really enjoyed the show. That's all I want," she said.

## "A True Rock Show": NIN Concert Is A Personal Experience

By JOHN SHERIDAN  
Staff Writer

I have finally seen a true rock show.

I have finally seen musicians give themselves completely to their work as their instruments are arbitrarily smashed upon the stage in the ensuing conflict. The idea of Nine Inch Nails with opening band Queens of the Stone Age is the stuff dreams are made of, but this was more than a dream, and it happened on Nov. 2 at the MCI center in Washington, D.C. as part of the Nine Inch Nails "With Teeth" tour.

The Queens of the Stone Age could have been an excellent concert worth \$45 in and of themselves, because they are absolute masters of rock 'n' roll. Once they started they could not slow down for a second, singer Josh Homme

crooning the whole way. They played many songs from their early albums such as "Rated R," but few from the newer ones.

The best thing about this band live is that they play incredibly fast. They played a hopped-up version of "No One Knows" that put a hole in the original. They seemed to gradually get faster, eventually bringing the whole band into a racing crescendo of absolute speed and skill before crashing back into song. I could have gone home happy after that, but the pleasure had just begun.

A white silkscreen encased the stage from top to bottom with fog machines billowing smoky atmosphere as Nine Inch Nails entered. Their sound was an explosive wave that

expanded and filled every inch of the coliseum, engulfing and assimilating the audience into the sonic glory. They exploded onto the set with "You Know What You Are?" from the album "With Teeth," which with its drilling drums and deafening chorus set the foundation for a night of rock.

The overall theme of the evening was hard and fast. Throughout the night they played some of their best and most classic songs spanning their entire LP collection, including: "Terrible Lie," "Head Like A Hole," "With Teeth," "March of the Pigs," "The Hand that Feeds," "Reptile," "The Wretched," "Suck," "Only," "Sin" and many more. "Closer" played live is the sexiest song in the world. And of course

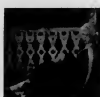
singer Trent Reznor got up alone with his piano in front of the audience to play "Hurt," and the entire audience sang along.

The Nine Inch Nails experience included all kinds of delirious visual effects you would expect from a quality industrial show: massive dizzying spotlights that projected various patterns and blinded the audience, enough strobe lights to give you epilepsy and red glowing constructions that loomed in the background and resembled neon circuitry.

Nine Inch Nails played two of their most emotional songs, "Eraser" and "Right Where It Belongs," back to back with the silkscreen engulfing the stage again as a palate for an enormous projector.

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## New CDs This Week

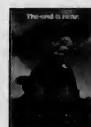
1. Harvey Danger: "Cream and Bastards Rise" [EP]
2. Cyndi Lauper: "Body Acoustic"
3. Relient K: "Apathetic" [EP]
4. Kenny Chesney: "Road and the Radio"

All CD release dates were Nov. 8, 2005.

All CD cover art courtesy of allmusic.com.

## Top 3 Movies

Photos courtesy of imdb.com



1. Chicken Little



2. Jarhead



3. Saw II



# What home-cooked meal do you miss most?



"Vietnamese food."

-Nam Duong,  
Senior



"Meatloaf and  
mashed potatoes."

-Claire Tamaccio,  
Sophomore



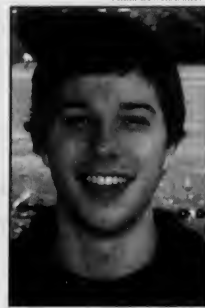
"Lasagna, cider and  
a side of Guy's  
Night pudding."

-Kai Crowe-Getty,  
Senior



"My mom's  
homemade apple  
pie."

-Chad Chadbourn,  
Senior



"My mama's famous  
meatball Boyardee  
Spaghettios."

-Dimitri Salonikios,  
Senior

Anna Lowell/Bullet

## Student Gets "Closer" To Nine Inch Nails

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"Eraser" began with scenes of microbial life as through a microscope, dividing and multiplying, and proceeded into larger and larger patterns, from rushing bloodstreams to swarms of insects to stampeding bison to riots and military engagements.

During "Right Where It Belongs," video samples on the screen struck close to home for many, including scenes of the hurricane damage in Louisiana and New Orleans, homeless in the American streets, weapons being tested and American soldiers fighting in Iraq, while the lyrics proceeded: "You can live in this illusion / you can choose to believe / you keep looking but you can't find the woods / while you're hiding in the trees."

At one point a video clip of President Bush waltzing with the First Lady was front and center, at which the audience roared and screamed like cornered animals.

The most important thing about Nine Inch Nails is that they throw themselves into their music completely. The guitarist gave reason for the term "axe," as he wielded his guitar with the ferocity of one, constantly swinging it around him and smashing into drums and microphone stands, yet never missing a single note.

The bassist was largely obscured from view due to a tall fan in front of me, but during the glimpses I caught of him he was strutting around generally giving the audience what it wanted. The keyboardist threw water around, bashed at the keys and stood on top of his console, all while playing along perfectly.

The drummer did what he could to keep his drum set from harm and the audience hard of hearing. The singer ran around, jumped on things, rocked out on guitar, bass and piano, rained water bottles upon his band mates and the audience, improvised his screeching and swooning and was by and large amazing on all fronts.

Even if Nine Inch Nails were not my personal favorite band ever, this would have been a very impressive concert. The band kept the crowd in a frenzy for two and a half hours, decimated their instruments on the altar of the stage and played each song to perfection.

It was not an especially important concert, but they treated it like one, and seem to have dedicated themselves body and soul to amazing live performances. They are professionals, and even if I never see them live again, I will die happy.

## Last Week's Scene: Phantom Planet



Phantom Planet's naturalness and charisma gave the show a comfortable, intimate feel. Clockwise from above: Lead singer and former Aeropostale and Gap model Alex Greenwald interacts with the screaming crowd; Greenwald flashes a popular rock 'n' roll gesture, which he says wards off "the evil eye"; the power of rock brings guitarist Darren Robinson to the floor. All photos by Daniel Ceo.



## Bullet Hits

*A Look Inside A Bullet  
Editor's Top Five Picks*

### This Week: Favorite Foods

By ANDREW DECI  
Photo Editor

#### 1. Green Beans and Creamed Corn

It's amazing what a batch of Aunt Helen's green beans and a bowl of her creamed corn can do to get a boy going. I always have enjoyed my green beans cooked down to smush, with bits of ham-hock floating around for that extra-special flavor. And creamed corn! It is sweet, with just a touch of salt and that perfect consistency – a little more viscous than cream of wheat. When I eat my beans and corn, memories come flooding back of great times with family and friends in rural North Carolina. Maybe it's the combination of fresh produce and old memories that really makes it special for me.

#### 2. Pho

I'm not going to lie: I enjoy the quantity of food just as much as the quality of food. But with pho (pronounced fu-h) you get a lot of both – a massive bowl of soup, filled with bits of tenderloin strip, bean sprouts, basil and lime juice, all based on a beef broth mixture straight from Vietnam. It's huge and cheap. Just what I like. Start the bowl out accompanied by some fresh spring rolls (not fried, please) and it's a perfect meal to enjoy on a Friday night in November. For a special treat, enjoy the personal attention that Pho Saigon (located off of Courthouse Road in Spotsylvania) provides.

#### 3. Fried Chicken

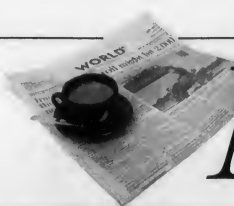
Yes, it's a staple of southern cookery. And yes, it's not good for you. And yes, maybe this is why I'm fat. But gosh-darn I love it – a beautiful piece of dark meat, bathed in buttermilk and then drenched in flour and salt – and then deep fried. Hot and crispy, it is a delight to eat with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and a biscuit, but try it cold with some Crystal hot sauce, and its chicken is like nothing you've tried before. It's almost as if heaven were here on earth – or at least at KFC.

#### 4. Pulled-pork BBQ sandwich

I'm quickly learning that my last "Bullet Hits" ("Meals under \$5") really just mirrored my fascination with the food that I love. And pork barbecue is no exception. It's the combination of the sweet and tangy sauce and the spicy meat on a Virginia-sauced pulled-pork sandwich that makes me drool. And drooling I do, when I go to Virginia Barbecue off of Jefferson Davis Highway and indulge myself with a sandwich, sweet tea and greens. It's my favorite meal when I come back into town from summer vacation or a holiday break, a perfect reminder of Fredericksburg.

#### 5. Fried Haddock Sandwich

In order to have a successful fried haddock sandwich experience you need to have a couple of things happen – you need to be close to the coast (preferably within viewing distance of water, to ensure the quality of the fish), not be afraid of a little tartar sauce and enjoy the taste of a mild, white fish filet. Once these things are in place, make sure to skip the American cheese (it's a little too Mickey D's for my liking) and pile on the sweet pickle chips. My favorite time and location to enjoy the delicacy: July on the Maine coast.



# News

## UMW Advertises Stafford Campus

By MARY WALDRON  
Staff Writer

For the first time in its history, the University of Mary Washington is advertising on television.

The 30-second, \$25,337 advertisement for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies features a white adult male going through a transformation of his clothing, wearing jeans and a T-shirt and eventually a suit and tie.

According to Jeanne Burkett, associate dean of admissions, the idea of the commercial is to emphasize the change an adult can make in their life by getting a better education via the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

The immediate goal of the commercial is to get the viewer to attend one of the monthly information sessions the graduate school holds.

"These information sessions give

prospective students the opportunity to interact with many of our faculty members, and it allows [the prospective student] to gain a better idea of what we can offer them," Burkett said.

The commercial is currently being broadcast by both Adelphia and Cox cable companies in the Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Stafford areas.

Through Cox Cable the commercial is being broadcast from Sept. 8 to Nov. 13 on Family, Sci-Fi, FX, TNT, The Weather Channel, TNT, Oxygen, MSNBC and Lifetime. On Adelphia the commercial is also running from Sept. 8 to Nov. 13, but will be broadcast on Fox News, CNN, Oxygen and Sci-Fi.

According to Burkett, these channels were chosen based upon the demographics provided by the cable company about what kind of people historically watch certain programs, and matching these to the

demographics of the people who typically enroll in the graduate program.

"You want to make sure you're communicating with your target audience," Burkett said.

As of yet, the schedule for the airing of the commercial from January through April has not been determined.

The estimated cost of \$25,337 will consume nearly 10 percent of the annual admissions recruitment budget of \$275,000, which is shared by both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

According to Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment, no new funds were added to the budget to help cover this cost.

"We are constantly adjusting our marketing plan and activities, so it is not unusual to shift focus to new publications or forms of promotion as opportunities arise," Wilder said.

The idea of using a television



Courtesy University Relations

The academic building at the Stafford campus. UMW is now advertising the College of Graduate and Professional Studies on television.

commercial was Burkett's. Burkett previously worked at the University of Richmond's School for Continuing Studies and employed the use of television advertisements there as well.

Burkett decided to add advertising on television to the current radio, direct mail advertisements and newspaper ads in The Free Lance-Star, the graduate center already uses.

"It takes the typical person hearing a message three to seven times before it means anything to them," Burkett said. "The key to advertising is using mixed media messaging."

According to Burkett, the number of people attending the information sessions, which is typically between 55 and 100, was up slightly in September and October from the summer months.

"I anticipate that the response rate

[to the TV ad] will gradually increase, not come as a windfall," Burkett said.

However, some people are wondering why the graduate center is trying to recruit new students at all. According to the Office of Admissions, enrollment has surpassed the goals set by the University—so much so that several graduate classes have to be held at area high schools. The graduate center is also currently constructing a new building to house more of its faculty and students in order to keep up with enrollment increases.

According to Meta Braymer, vice president and dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the television commercial is more a method of recruiting students several months from now.

## Seminar Offered To Freshmen

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components, along with the fact that the seminar class sizes will be capped at 15, are designed to help the freshman develop the required skills for liberal learning.

According to Mellinger, all of the seminars will have a common course number, with each seminar listed as a separate section of the same course. Incoming freshmen will receive a listing of all the different seminars that are going to be offered in the fall, and will then choose which one they would like to enroll in.

Barra has organized a committee to develop the freshman seminar program.

Along with Barra, members of the committee include Keith Mellinger, assistant professor of mathematics; Kelli Slunt, chair and associate professor of chemistry; Jean Ann Dabb, chair and associate professor of art and art history; Steve Greenlaw, professor of economics; Warren Rochelle, associate professor of English, linguistics and speech; and Debra Schlee,

associate professor of sociology and psychology.

Mellinger said the committee hopes to offer 10 freshman seminars in the fall 2006 semester, with more being added in the future as the program becomes more developed.

Freshmen will not be required to enroll in a seminar course next fall.

"If all goes well, we hope that it will eventually become a requirement for all first-year students," Mellinger said. "That means approximately 45-60 seminars every academic year."

Some UMW students are worried that the seminars will add on to the high number of required courses they must take.

"I think the idea of freshmen seminars is interesting, although I know a lot of people probably will not be happy if it adds on as another requirement they must complete," sophomore Meghann Siebert said.

Sophomore Sean O'Neill feels the same way. "This is just another requirement I think kids would be better off learning on their own," he said.

## Ex-Student Awaits Sentencing In January

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2006, but said she isn't sure what the judge will do in this case.

"We have discussed the possibility that he may be incarcerated for more than a year," Haney said.

Fredricksburg Police Communications Officer Donna Sehl said this was not the first time that the police had responded to disturbances at Fischer's residence. She said after he and his roommates moved into the house in August 2004 the police had responded several times to noise violations, but never to an incident like this.

Sehl characterized the events that took place Dec. 10 as "more escalated than the normal disturbances that we respond to involving Mary Washington students."

Although police reports initially indicated that the dispute between Fischer and James originated over a bag of Doritos, Haney said that her client's actions were the result of a "break from reality." She plans to use Fischer's mental state at the time of the attack as the backbone for her defense at his sentencing.

"Joe had a history of depression and ADHD and had been prescribed medication for both of these," Haney said. "He hadn't been taking his medication, and the combination of that, lack of sleep, and some alcohol made him feel paranoid."

Haney cited the fact that Fischer went into his room to put on his lacrosse helmet before the incident as an indication of how threatened he felt. The hallway leading to Fischer's room was overcrowded with partygoers, most of whom were not originally invited.

"He felt like he was being attacked," Haney said. "His perception was that these people were crowding towards him."

James could only speculate as to what caused the attack. "I have no idea why Joe did what he

did. The information about the depression and the ADHD is news to me," he said.

The two "had no history together and Joe hadn't had any words with [James] that night" Haney said. "Usually the types of people who get themselves in these situations have a history...and neither the victim or accused are totally innocent. But both of these young men are nice, from good families and they don't have a past."

Also, a female student alleged that she was hit by Fischer and he was originally charged with a misdemeanor assault and battery charge, though that charge was dropped in February.

Even though James is excited to be back at school and back on the baseball team he is still feeling the impact of last year's attack. "I'm still not playing like I used to. But I hope that by spring I will be," he said.

James said that his return to the baseball team was conditional.

"I was finally cleared to play again in late July as long as I wear a specific helmet and know that another concussion would be the end of my baseball career."

Even though Fischer initially entered a plea of not guilty to both charges at his arraignment last December, Haney said her client has always wanted to take responsibility for his actions.

"We've known all along that we would plea guilty to some type of crime. Joe wasn't saying that he wasn't guilty and didn't want to take responsibility," she said.

Fischer is currently free on bond and attending community college in the Baltimore area. Haney remains hopeful that the judge will be lenient in light of the fact that Fischer has turned his life around, but she said "I think he'll be incarcerated, and I think he knows it too."

The prosecuting attorney, Charles Sharp, was unavailable for comment.

## State Election Results

Kaine (D)	Byrne (D)	Deeds (D)
51%	49%	49%
Kilgore (R)	Bolling (R)	McDonnell (R)
46%	50%	50%

## Va. State Election Results Are In

### Kaine Takes Va. Governor's Seat

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Lamar. "We did phone banking, went door-to-door and covered ground as far north as Vienna and as far south as Richmond."

According to Lamar, last-minute efforts included a 72-hour task force filled with phone banking, sign waves and going door-to-door.

Efforts for the Young Democrats were similar.

"We've had consistent group canvassing and phone banking since September," said Young Democrats president, senior Sarah Eckman.

Their last-minute labors included phone banking and distributing literature about Kaine, as well as putting up signs.

A semester's worth of hard work all came down to Tuesday night, and both parties emerged victorious.

Although Kaine's victory was decisive, the Democrats did not face a clean sweep. Republican candidate for Lt. Gov., Bill Bolling, squeaked past Democratic candidate Leslie Byrne, with 51 percent of the vote as opposed to her 49 percent.

Now that the votes are in, the focus will shift to the next 4 years of the Kaine-Bolling administration.

"There is a question of what Kaine will be able to do with a Republican controlled House and Senate," Farnsworth said.

Kaine also has pressure to please his constituency.

"Time Kaine's success is largely the result of a Democratic landslide in northern Virginia," Farnsworth said. "Northern Virginia is most concerned with transportation and infrastructure, so Kaine will focus on those."

Some say Kaine is in a good position to get off to a positive start.

"Warner was a gift [to Kaine] two times," Farnsworth said. "Not only did he have an 80 percent approval rating, but also Virginia [with a surplus in the budget] has good financial health."

Students are experiencing mixed reactions to the election results.

"I was really happy and a little surprised, especially since my hometown, Lynchburg, which is almost totally Republican, went for Kaine," said sophomore Stone Ferrell.

"I think in general we'll see lots of improvements. All the groundwork has been set and things are running smoothly, so Kaine can start off with things he's promised," Eckman said.

Republican freshman Jacqui Newman thought Kilgore better represented her.

"He shares my pro-life views and I know he will lower our state taxes," she said before the election.

Upon hearing the results, she noted, "I am obviously very disappointed."

Lamar is slightly more optimistic.

"It was a tough campaign and I feel good that we elected someone solid in Bolling," he said.

With Bolling adding a conservative perspective to the administration, predictions vary as to what that might mean for the next four years.

"Virginia has had a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of different parties before; they just don't pay attention to each other," Farnsworth said.

Some students are more hopeful as to what Bolling's impact might be.

"There will probably be some friction over details in policies, but in the end they both have the same goal, they want to make Virginia the best it can be," Eckman said.

Lamar had similar views.

"As long as everyone sticks to what they campaigned on, they'll be able to work together," he said.

Newman believes that because Bolling is "so conservative, some of that is bound to show through this administration."

A bipartisan administration might be surprising to some, but Farnsworth offers a possible explanation as to why this occurred.

"People are inclined to vote the party when they don't know who the people are," he said. "People knew who Kilgore and Kaine were."

The result for the Attorney General's race has yet to be determined.

According to the WashingtonPost.com, Republican Bob McDonnell has 50.07 percent of the votes (966,676 votes in total) and Democrat Creigh Deeds has 49.93 percent of the votes (964,058 votes in total).

According to Farnsworth the result of this close race will probably be a recount.

In the end, Virginia conclusively has a Democratic Governor, a Republican Lieutenant Governor, and a non-existent Attorney General.

# Viewpoints

## Campaign Ads Leave Much To Be Desired

By BENJAMIN VIGEANT  
Guest Columnist

Now that Election Day has come and gone, we can finally begin an objective dialog about how the liberal media is forcing the same old story down our throats every day.

Elections are a special time in the media world because they allow the Democratic and Republican parties to point out the merits and flaws of each of their candidates. This dialogue, of course, takes place not during the debate (frankly, nobody watches those - they're just plain not sexy enough), but during campaign ads.

Now, you may feel tempted to say that I'm no "expert." It's true: all I know about campaign ads is what I learned from a half-hour lesson in American Government class, and most of the "analysis" I'm using is parroted from highly opinionated internet forums and blogs that take massive liberties with things like facts.

But look past this and think: you're reading this now, and not only is it shorter than an actual scholar's analysis, but you've already started reading it.

Democrat Tim Kaine's ads were an excellent example of how terrible Democrats are at making advertisements. While he did resort to attack ads,

most of his ads were supportive and, frankly, boring. His most interesting advertisement was an attack ad. In the ad labeled "Protects His Sugar Daddy" on his Web site, he claims that Jerry Kilgore has been getting money from some large pharmaceutical company, most of which has been funding his campaign.

Well, in Kilgore's defense, this money is going to make much better and more effective ads. In another ad defending himself from Kilgore, he uses a bunch of newspaper quotes about how great he is and how bad Kilgore is.

Notably missing was the quote from *The Bulletin* three weeks ago, in my essay "My Bathroom Mistakes," in which I say "Tim Kaine is the best \*\*\*\*ting candidate for governor. There is no \*\*\*\*ting better man to run this state. If Tim Kaine doesn't win, I'll \*\*\*\*ting cut everyone in this state... seriously."

I think this grave omission cost him the election. That is, if he did lose, as I'm writing this on Sunday night.

Republican Jerry Kilgore is in different trouble with his ads. Whereas Tim Kaine's political ads were about as exciting as a tour of a candy factory (licorice, or any other similarly terrible candy), Jerry's are too powerful.

This was epitomized in the famous "Stanley #1" advertisement. In "Stanley #1," our

protagonist Stanley tells us about how his son was murdered, and the man who murdered him was voluntarily defended by Tim Kaine.

Yet, Stanley can't leave us thinking that Tim Kaine loves murderers; he goes right for the jugular and says, "Tim Kaine says that Adolf Hitler doesn't qualify for the death penalty."

Some naysayers might say Stanley went too far, but I think he just didn't go far enough. Stanley should have said, "Tim Kaine would have let all of these men live." And then like in a "Now That's What I Call Music!" style ad, a list of historical monsters (Genghis Khan, Rasputin, Moriarty, Hitler) would scroll up the screen.

I think this grave omission cost him the election. Once again, just assuming, since I am writing this on Sunday night.

So who do I think will win? I think Russ Potts will win. Yes, Russ Potts, the most dangerous man in Virginia. Who is Russ Potts?

Well, in order to truly know, I invite you to go to his Web site and watch the advertisement "We Want Potts." In this advertisement a series of Virginians doing things that Virginians do (driving cars, eating macaroni and cheese, going to class) start banging on pots and screaming "We Want Potts."

Some people might think this is an absurd and terrible advertisement, but I see right through to

its nefarious purposes. This ad is a blueprint of what's to come once independent Republican candidate Russ Potts becomes governor.

Imagine the day when Russ Potts becomes governor: jubilant Virginians will run into the streets screaming in triumph, "We Got Potts!" while they bang on their pots. Politicians nationwide will try to change their last names to household appliances in order to get on the Russ Potts gravy train. Though I don't think "Hilary Showerhead" will have the same powerful appeal as "Russ Potts."

If Russ Potts wins, and I'm 99 percent sure he will, I urge the physics professors here at UMW to try to come up with some sort of time machine in order to stop this menace before it's too late.

I hope my analysis of campaign advertisements made you think about whom you'll vote for in future elections... if Russ Potts doesn't become supreme dictator of the United States.

Ben Vigeant is a sophomore from Connecticut, and doesn't know anything about Virginia politics.



## A Note From The Editors

We've all heard something about the headline. It makes the school look bad. It's offensive. Why did it have to be in such massive font? It should have said "African-Americans." Even collegehumor.com poses the question, "UMW... Can you even say that in 2005?"

We think we can.

So why don't we say "African-American?" The 2005 Associated Press Stylebook — which is the book virtually all newspapers live by — says, "The preferred term is black." The UMW bookstore sells copies of this; we encourage our harshest critics to look it up for themselves. It is a fact that not every black person has African lineage.

Maybe that's why there's Black History Month (which is celebrated on this campus), Black Entertainment Television and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Should we have said "black students?" The headline specifically refers to the freshman class, so it goes without saying that anyone in that group of 25, in fact, is a student.

Within the past couple of years, another *Bullet* story and headline addressed the same issue. That headline used the phrase, "Class of 2007 lacks blacks."

Curiously enough, there was no outrage then. If you think the editors make the University look less-than-desirable, it's worth noting that *The Bulletin* isn't a public relations firm. We're not here to make the school look good. In the same vein, we're certainly not here to make the school look bad. We're here to give the facts and address issues that the student body would not otherwise hear from the administration.

If that means reporting that the Office of Admissions doesn't recruit in inner cities, so be it. However, we also report what administrators in the admissions office have said they are doing right—that is, they are doggedly working to diversify the University.

The staff has heard that we're going to drive away prospective minority students. In the October 23, 2003 issue of *The Bulletin*, Martin Wilder, vice president of enrollment, commented on the school's reputation for lacking diversity.

"People see banner headlines as MWC being the most homogenous school in the nation, and it affects people's view of a school as well as the decisions they make about it," he said.

In theory, a high-school senior, who happens to be black, could visit Mary Washington on his tour of colleges.

He walks around, doesn't notice the overwhelming number of white people, then picks up a copy of *The Bulletin* and runs screaming? Not likely.

The Princeton Review rated UMW the most homogenous institution a couple of years ago. In defense of the University, the Princeton Review uses flagrantly unscientific polling methods, and the ranking really doesn't mean a thing. (And as a side note, a sweeping number of other institutions are facing the same problem with enhancing diversity among the student body.)

The unfortunate fact is, we don't need the Princeton Review or any other ranking—or even a *Bullet* headline—to tell us about diversity on this campus.

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# News

## UMW Advertises Stafford Campus

By MARY WALDRON  
Staff Writer

For the first time in its history, the University of Mary Washington is advertising on television.

The 30-second, \$25,337 advertisement for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies features a white adult male going through a transformation of his clothing: wearing jeans and a T-shirt and eventually a suit and tie.

According to Jenne Burkett, associate dean of admissions, the idea of the commercial is to emphasize the change an adult can make in their life by getting a better education via the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

The immediate goal of the commercial is to get the viewer to attend one of the monthly information sessions the graduate school holds.

"These information sessions give

prospective students the opportunity to interact with many of our faculty members, and it allows [the prospective student] to gain a better idea of what we can offer them," Burkett said.

The commercial is currently being broadcast by both Adelphia and Cox cable companies in the Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Stafford areas.

Through Cox Cable the commercial is being broadcast from Sept. 8 to Nov. 13 on Family, Sci-Fi, FX, TNT, The Weather Channel, TNT, Oxygen, MSNBC and Lifetime. On Adelphia the commercial is also running from Sept. 8 to Nov. 13, but will be broadcast on Fox News, CNN, Oxygen and Sci-Fi.

According to Burkett, these channels were chosen based upon the demographics provided by the cable company about what kind of people historically watch certain programs, and matching these to the

demographics of the people who typically enroll in the graduate program.

"You want to make sure you're communicating with your target audience," Burkett said.

As of yet, the schedule for the airing of the commercial from January through April has not been determined.

The estimated cost of \$25,337 will consume nearly 10 percent of the annual admissions recruitment budget of \$275,000, which is shared by both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

According to Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment, no new funds were added to the budget to help cover this cost.

"We are constantly adjusting our marketing plan and activities, so it is not unusual to shift focus to new publications or forms of promotion as opportunities arise," Wilder said.

The idea of using a television



Courtesy: University Relations

The academic building at the Stafford campus. UMW is now advertising the College of Graduate and Professional Studies on television.

commercial was Burkett's. Burkett previously worked at the University of Richmond's School for Continuing Studies and employed the use of television advertisements there as well.

Burkett decided to add advertising on television to the current radio, direct mail advertisements and newspaper ads in The Free Lance-Star, the graduate center already uses.

"It takes the typical person hearing a message three to seven times before it means anything to them," Burkett said. "The key to advertising is using mixed media messaging."

According to Burkett, the number of people attending the information sessions, which is typically between 55 and 100, was up slightly in September and October from the summer months. "I anticipate that the response rate

[to the TV ad] will gradually increase, not come as a windfall," Burkett said.

However, some people are wondering why the graduate center is trying to recruit new students at all. According to the Office of Admissions, enrollment has surpassed the goals set by the University—so much so that several graduate classes have to be held at area high schools. The graduate center is also currently constructing a new building to house more of its faculty and students in order to keep up with enrollment increases.

According to Meta Braymer, vice president and dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the television commercial is more a method of recruiting students several months from now.

## Seminar Offered To Freshmen

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components, along with the fact that the seminar class sizes will be capped at 15, are designed to help the freshman develop the required skills for liberal learning.

According to Mellinger, all of the seminars will have a common course number, with each seminar listed as a separate section of the same course. Incoming freshmen will receive a listing of all the different seminars that are going to be offered in the fall, and will then choose which one they would like to enroll in.

Barra has organized a committee to develop the freshman seminar program.

Along with Barra, members of the committee include Keith Mellinger, assistant professor of mathematics; Kelli Slunt, chair and associate professor of chemistry; Jean Ann Dabb, chair and associate professor of art and art history; Steve Greenlaw, professor of economics; Warren Rochelle, associate professor of English, linguistics and speech; and Debra Schlee.

associate professor of sociology and psychology.

Mellinger said the committee hopes to offer 10 freshman seminars in the fall 2006 semester, with more being added in the future as the program becomes more developed.

Freshmen will not be required to enroll in a seminar course next fall.

"If all goes well, we hope that it will eventually become a requirement for all first-year students," Mellinger said. "That means approximately 45-60 seminars every academic year."

Some UMW students are worried that the seminars will add on to the high number of required courses they must take.

"I think the idea of freshman seminars is interesting, although I know a lot of people probably will not be happy if it adds on as another requirement they must complete," sophomore Meghann Siebert said.

Sophomore Sean O'Neill feels the same way. "This is just another requirement I think kids would be better off learning on their own," he said.

## Ex-Student Awaits Sentencing In January

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2006, but said she isn't sure what the judge will do in this case.

"We have discussed the possibility that he may be incarcerated for more than a year," Haneey said.

Fredericksburg Police Communications Officer Donna Sehl said this was not the first time that the police had responded to disturbances at Fischer's residence. She said after he and his roommates moved into the house in August 2004 the police had responded several times to noise violations, but never to an incident like this.

Sehl characterized the events that took place Dec. 10 as "more escalated than the normal disturbances that we respond to involving Mary Washington students."

Although police reports initially indicated that the dispute between Fischer and James originated over a bag of Doritos, Haneey said that her client's actions were the result of a "break from reality." She plans to use Fischer's mental state at the time of the attack as the backbone for her defense at his sentencing.

"Joe had a history of depression and ADHD and had been prescribed medication for both of these," Haneey said. "He hadn't been taking his medication, and the combination of that, lack of sleep, and some alcohol made him feel paranoid."

Haneey cited the fact that Fischer went into his room to put on his lacrosse helmet before the incident as an indication of how threatened he felt. The hallway leading to Fischer's room was overcrowded with partygoers, most of whom were not originally invited.

"He felt like he was being attacked," Haneey said. "His perception was that these people were crowding towards him."

James could only speculate as to what caused the attack. "I have no idea why Joe did what he

did. The information about the depression and the ADHD is news to me," he said.

The two "had no history together and Joe hadn't had any words with [James] that night," Haneey said. "Usually the types of people who get themselves in these situations have a history... and neither the victim or accused are totally innocent. But both of these young men are nice, from good families and they don't have a past."

Also, a female student alleged that she was hit by Fischer and he was originally charged with a misdemeanor assault and battery charge, though that charge was dropped in February.

Even though James is excited to be back at school and back on the baseball team he is still feeling the impact of last year's attack. "I'm still not playing like I used to. But I hope that by spring I will be," he said.

James said that his return to the baseball team was conditional.

"I was finally cleared to play again in late July as long as I wear a specific helmet and know that another concussion would be the end of my baseball career."

Even though Fischer initially entered a plea of not guilty to both charges at his arraignment last December, Haneey said her client has always wanted to take responsibility for his actions.

"We've known all along that we would plea guilty to some type of crime. Joe wasn't saying that he wasn't guilty and didn't want to take responsibility," she said.

Fischer is currently free on bond and attending community college in the Baltimore area. Haneey remains hopeful that the judge will be lenient in light of the fact that Fischer has turned his life around. But she said "I think he'll be incarcerated, and I think he knows it too."

The prosecuting attorney, Charles Sharp, was unavailable for comment.

## State Election Results

Kaine (D)	Byrne (D)	Deeds (D)
51%	49%	49%
Kilgore (R)	Bolling (R)	McDonnell (R)
46%	50%	50%

## Va. State Election Results Are In

### Kaine Takes Va. Governor's Seat

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Lamar. "We did phone banking, went door-to-door and covered ground as far north as Vienna and as far south as Richmond."

According to Lamar, last-minute efforts included a 72-hour task force filled with phone banking, sign waves and going door-to-door.

Efforts for the Young Democrats were similar.

"We've had consistent group canvassing and phone banking since September," said Young Democrats president, senior Sarah Eckman.

Their last-minute labors included phone banking and distributing literature about Kaine, as well as putting up signs.

A semester's worth of hard work all came down to Tuesday night, and both parties emerged victorious.

Although Kaine's victory was decisive, the Democrats did not face a clean sweep. Republican candidate for Lt. Gov., Bill Bolling, squeaked past Democratic candidate Leslie Byrne, with 51 percent of the vote as opposed to her 49 percent.

Now that the votes are in, the focus will shift to the next 4 years of the Kaine-Bolling administration.

"There is a question of what Kaine will be able to do with a Republican controlled House and Senate," Farnsworth said.

Kaine also has pressure to please his constituency.

"Time Kaine's success is largely the result of a Democratic landslide in northern Virginia," Farnsworth said. "Northern Virginia is most concerned with transportation and infrastructure, so Kaine will focus on those."

Some say Kaine is in a good position to get off to a positive start.

"Warner was a gift [to Kaine] two times," Farnsworth said. "Not only did he have an 80 percent approval rating, but also Virginia [with a surplus in the budget] has good financial health."

Students are experiencing mixed reactions to the election results.

"I was really happy and a little surprised, especially since my hometown, Lynchburg, which is almost totally Republican, went for Kaine," said sophomore Stone Ferrell.

"I think in general we'll see lots of improvements. All the groundwork has been set and things are running smoothly, so Kaine can start off with things he's promised," Eckman said.

Republican freshman Jacqui Newman thought Kilgore better represented her.

"He shares my pro-life views and I know he will lower our state taxes," she said before the election.

Upon hearing the results, she noted, "I am obviously very disappointed."

Lamar is slightly more optimistic.

"It was a tough campaign and I feel good that we elected someone solid in Bolling," he said.

With Bolling adding a conservative perspective to the administration, predictions vary as to what that might mean for the next four years.

"Virginia has had a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of different parties before; they just don't pay attention to each other," Farnsworth said.

Some students are more hopeful as to what Bolling's impact might be.

"There will probably be some friction over details in policies, but in the end they both have the same goal, they want to make Virginia the best it can be," Eckman said.

Lamar had similar views.

"As long as everyone sticks to what they campaigned on, they'll be able to work together," he said.

Newman believes that because Bolling is "so conservative, some of that is bound to show through this administration."

A bipartisan administration might be surprising to some, but Farnsworth offers a possible explanation as to why this occurred.

"People are inclined to vote the party when they don't know who the people are," he said. "People knew who Kilgore and Kaine were."

The result for the Attorney General's race has yet to be determined.

According to the WashingtonPost.com, Republican Bob McDonnell has 50.07 percent of the votes (966,676 votes in total) and Democrat Creigh Deeds has 49.93 percent of the votes (964,058 votes in total).

According to Farnsworth the result of this close race will probably be a recount.

In the end, Virginia conclusively has a Democratic Governor, a Republican Lieutenant Governor, and a non-existent Attorney General.

# Viewpoints

## Campaign Ads Leave Much To Be Desired

By BENJAMIN VIGEANT  
Guest Columnist

Now that Election Day has come and gone, we can finally begin an objective dialog about how the liberal media is forcing the same old story down our throats every day.

Elections are a special time in the media world because they allow the Democratic and Republican parties to point out the merits and flaws of each of their candidates. This dialogue, of course, takes place not during the debate (frankly, nobody watches those - they're just plain not sexy enough), but during campaign ads.

Now, you may feel tempted to say that I'm not "expert." It's true: all I know about campaign ads is what I learned from a half-hour lesson in American Government class, and most of the "analysis" I'm using is parroted from highly opinionated internet forums and blogs that take massive liberties with things like facts.

But look past this and think: you're reading this now, and not only is it shorter than an actual scholar's analysis, but you've already started reading it.

Democrat Tim Kane's ads were an excellent example of how terrible Democrats are at making advertisements. While he did resort to attack ads,

most of his ads were supportive and, frankly, boring. His most interesting advertisement was an attack ad. In the ad labeled "Protects His Sugar Daddy" on his Web site, he claims that Jerry Kilgore has been getting money from some large pharmaceutical company, most of which has been funding his campaign.

Well, in Kilgore's defense, this money is going to make much better and more effective ads. In another ad defending himself from Kilgore, he uses a bunch of newspaper quotes about how great he is and how bad Kilgore is.

Notably missing was the quote from *The Bulletin* three weeks ago, in my essay "My Bathroom Mistakes," in which I said "Tim Kane is the best \*\*\*\*ting candidate for governor. There is no \*\*\*\*ting better man to run this state. If Tim Kane doesn't win, I'll \*\*\*\*ting cut everyone in this state. seriously."

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Republican Jerry Kilgore is in different trouble with his ads. Whereas Tim Kane's political ads were about as exciting as a tour of a candy factory (choice, or any other similarly terrible candy), Jerry's are too powerful.

This was epitomized in the famous "Stanley #1" advertisement. In "Stanley #1," our

protagonist Stanley tells us about how his son was murdered, and the man who murdered him was voluntarily defended by Tim Kane.

Yet, Stanley can't leave us thinking that Tim Kane loves murderers; he goes right for the jugular and says, "Tim Kane says that Adolf Hitler doesn't qualify for the death penalty."

Some naysayers might say Stanley went too far, but I think he just didn't go far enough. Stanley should have said, "Tim Kane would have let all of these men live." And then like in a "Now That's What I Call Music!" style ad, a list of historical monsters (Genghis Khan, Rasputin, Moriarty, Hitler) would scroll up the screen.

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So who do I think will win? I think Russ Potts will win. Yes, Russ Potts, the most dangerous man in Virginia. Who is Russ Potts?

Well, in order to truly know, I invite you to go to his Web site and watch the advertisement "We Want Potts." In this advertisement a series of Virginians doing things that Virginians do (driving cars, eating macaroni and cheese, going to class) start banging on pots and screaming "We Want Potts."

Some people might think this is an absurd and terrible advertisement, but I see right through to

its nefarious purposes. This ad is a blueprint of what's to come once independent Republican candidate Russ Potts becomes governor.

Imagine the day when Russ Potts becomes governor: jubilant Virginians will run into the streets screaming in triumph, "We Got Potts!" while they bang on their pots. Politicians nationwide will try to change their last names to household appliances in order to get on the Russ Potts gravy train. Though I don't think "Hilary Showerhead" will have the same powerful appeal as "Russ Potts."

If Russ Potts wins, and I'm 99 percent sure he will, I urge the physics professors here at UMW to try to come up with some sort of time machine in order to stop this menace before it's too late.

I hope my analysis of campaign advertisements made you think about whom you'll vote for in future elections... If Russ Potts doesn't become supreme dictator of the United States.

Ben Vigeant is a sophomore from Connecticut, and doesn't know anything about Virginia politics.



## A Note From The Editors

We've all heard something about the headline. It makes the school look bad. It's offensive. Why did it have to be in such massive font? It should have said "African-Americans." Even collegehumor.com poses the question, "UMW... Can you even say that in 2005?"

We think we can. So why don't we say "African-American?" The 2005 Associated Press Stylebook — which is the book virtually all newspapers live by — says, "The preferred term is black." The UMW bookstore sells copies of this; we encourage our harshest critics to look it up for themselves. It is a fact that not every black person has African lineage.

Maybe that's why there's Black History Month (which is celebrated on this campus), Black Entertainment Television and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Should we have said "black students?" The headline specifically refers to the freshman class, so it goes without saying that anyone in that group of 25, in fact, is a student.

Within the past couple of years, another *Bullet* story and headline addressed the same issue. That headline used the phrase, "Class of 2007 lacks blacks."

Curiously enough, there was no outrage then. If you think the editors make the University look less-than-desirable, it's worth noting that *The Bulletin* isn't a public relations firm. We're not here to make the school look good. In the same vein, we're certainly not here to make the school look bad. We're here to give the facts and address issues that the student body would not otherwise hear from the administration.

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The staff has heard that we're going to drive away prospective minority students. In the October 23, 2003 issue of *The Bulletin*, Martin Wilder, vice president of enrollment, commented on the school's reputation for lacking diversity.

"People see banner headlines as MWC being the most homogenous school in the nation, and it affects people's view of a school as well as the decisions they make about it," he said.

In theory, a high-school senior, who happens to be black, could visit Mary Washington on his tour of colleges.

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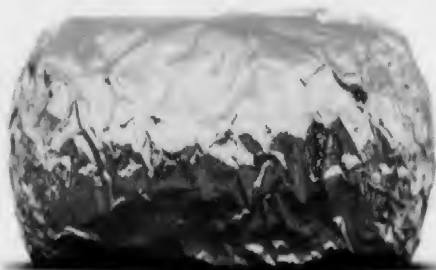
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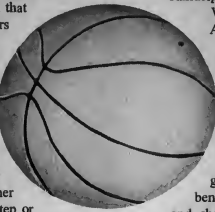
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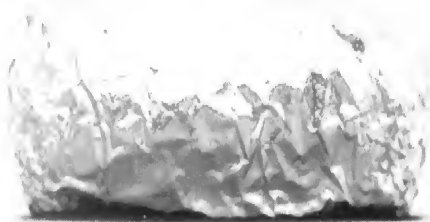
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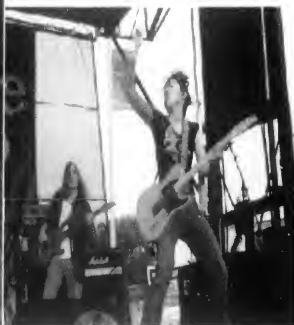


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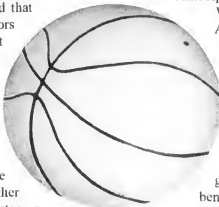
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# Sports



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### Gendreau, Messina Head To National Collegiate Golf Championship

By LAUREN BOSTON  
Sports Editor

After taking first in the Mid-Atlantic Regional, seniors Andrew Gendreau and Frank Messina are traveling to Las Vegas this weekend to compete in the National Collegiate Golf Championship at the Badlands Golf Course, sponsored by the Collegiate Golf Association.

Tournament events kick off Friday with a parent's dinner. Gendreau and Messina will be recognized during this time.

"There are eight other teams that are regional winners so we'll be introduced with them," said Messina. "The top 10 percent out of everyone else made the tournament too, so they'll be introduced."

The actual NCGC will be on Saturday, when two-man teams from 32 schools will compete in one 18 hole round of golf. Each two-man team will go through the course with another team.

The tournament consists of a two-man scramble, or a captain's choice, in which both teammates drive their ball and then hit the best one from there. Each person then hits an iron shot and the best shot out of the two is played from there. Gendreau and Messina will be playing against Division I powerhouses, including Texas A & M, Arizona State University, UCLA, University of Miami, and Colorado State.

"If you're on a club golf team, this is probably the biggest tournament you can play in," Gendreau said.

Fitness Center Director John MacDonald agreed.

"There are only 32 teams so this really is a big deal. They are good players in the mix."

Gendreau and Messina advanced to this weekend's Las Vegas championship tournament after competing in the Mid-Atlantic regional

Saturday, Oct. 29 at Longview Golf Course in Timonium, Md.

"There were two divisions, the faculty, staff and community division and then the student division," Gendreau said. "There were twelve teams in our division and we took first overall. We won everything. We didn't have to beat the faculty but we beat them also."

The pair shot a 70 even par at the Mid-Atlantic Regional, but believes their score is misleading.

"A lot of people are coming in with five or six under par," Gendreau said. "We didn't do that well but we also had the worst conditions. When we teed off that Saturday it was 38 degrees out, 8 a.m., and there were 20 m.p.h winds."

"We could have easily been in the 60s, so we're going in [to the tournament] with the expectation that anything could happen. The last hole we had a 3-footer for birdie and we both missed it. Two people can't miss a 3 foot put. So we wish we would have had something in the 60s but maybe we'll fly under the radar in Las Vegas."

Gendreau and Messina were chosen to compete in the regional because they believed they had the best shot of winning as a team.

"I've got a pretty good game off the tee and Andrew's got a good iron, so we're a pretty good match together," Messina said.

While the trip to Las Vegas is a big opportunity, it comes with a cost, \$1,400 to be exact.

"The school has sponsored us so we got some money through the golf club and then Cannon Ridge Golf Course donated two free rounds of golf at their golf course," Messina said.

"Then this past weekend we held a closest-to-the-pin competition there both Saturday and



Andrew Decic/Bullet

Senior Frank Messina eyes up the ball while practicing in his apartment as senior Andrew Gendreau looks on. The two will compete in the National Collegiate Golf Championship in Las Vegas.

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## UMW Basketball Shoots For Top



Andrew Decic/Bullet

Freshman Ashton Mitchell attempts to move the ball past freshman Sarah Flanagan during practice. The women's team will look to win their second straight CAC championship this year.

By STEPHANIE POTTER  
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Watch out, Capital Athletic Conference. The Eagles are stepping out on the paint for another powerhouse season.

Both the University of Mary Washington men and women's basketball programs are the teams to beat in the CAC this year after being recognized in a preseason national poll by D3Hoops.com.

Last year, the Eagles women claimed their first ever CAC Championship, while the men fell to Marymount University two rounds into the tournament.

This loss has no doubt driven the men toward victory this year. Men's head coach Rod Wood is expecting great things from this year's lineup.

"I'm excited partly because we're doing something completely new offensively and defensively," he said. "The excitement will be seeing what will work and what's not going to work."

Last season, the men achieved their third best mark in school history, winning 17 of 26 games and extending their home record to 32-45.

With the help of All-CAC selection and multiple school record-holder junior Mike Lee, the Eagles finished their regular season 8-2 at home with a victory over Marymount University.

Lee emerged as one of the top players in the nation, leading the CAC standings at 20.7 points per game and ranking nationally in three-point baskets. He set the University's single game records in three categories, including most points scored (40), most points in a home game (37), and most three-pointers made (11), in addition to breaking the season record for most three-pointers made (100).

Five Eagles men emerged, including backcourt junior A.J. Fitzgerald, who averaged 11.4 points per game and chalked up 109 assists. Other key contributors for the Eagles were sophomores forward Jon Pierce and guard/forward Justin Baker.

Wood hopes that this year's squad will unearth some of the same newfound talent.

"There are a couple players I think might be breakout this year, but in the past it's been kind of a crapshoot, not only on my team but in the conference," Wood said. "There's always that player that you look at and say 'wow this kid came out of nowhere.' The breakout players aren't really breakout players, they're just the ones who try the hardest in the offseason."

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